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Cognis Corporation
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Via Certified Mail – Return Receipt #7099 3400 0015 0389 7067

August 22, 2002

NJDEP-Division of Hazardous Management
Manifest Section CN421
Trenton, NJ 08625

Re: Permit #NJD065804064

Dear Sir/Madam:

Cognis Corporation has announced its decision to close the Hoboken, NJ manufacturing facility. While a definite timeline has not yet been established, the cessation of ongoing operations has been targeted for completion by the end of the 3rd Quarter, 2003. The level of operations will decrease in a phased manner, as transfers of production are completed. A copy of the press release is enclosed, for your information.

The decision is part of a strategy to increase the efficiency of our North American manufacturing network. It will allow improved response to the changing needs of our customers in the personal care, household, industrial and institutional industries. Cognis will assist all employees in their efforts to find new employment.

Cognis Corporation intends to perform remediation of the site as deemed necessary, after which the property will be offered for sale.

Very truly yours,

Cognis Corporation

Luis Gaye
Manufacturing Director
Care Chemicals and Primary Surfactants, NA

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COGNIS TO EXPAND KANAKAKEE, IL, PLANT / CLOSES PLANT IN HOBOKEN, NJ

CINCINNATI, OH – August 20, 2002 -- Cognis Corporation today announced an expansion of its plant in Kankakee, IL, and the closing of its Hoboken, NJ, site.

This decision will allow Cognis to expand its Midwest state-of-the-art, ISO certified manufacturing facility. The Hoboken manufacturing site operates in a residential location, which precluded Cognis from making large-scale investments. This transition is planned for completion by Q3 2003.

"The changes will increase the efficiency of Cognis' North American manufacturing network, and will result in improvements in quality, service and support to customers," said Joseph Polak, Cognis Business Director. "We are in close contact with our customers and will ensure that shipments will continue uninterrupted during the transition."

The Cognis Hoboken plant produces surfactants used in the personal care, household, industrial and institutional industries. These surfactants are products primarily based on natural, renewable raw materials, such as coconut oil and sucrose.

The Hoboken plant, in operation since 1922, currently employs 62. Cognis will assist all employees in their efforts to find new employment. Select employees may transfer to other Cognis locations.

In addition, Cognis has obtained a sulfation capacity charter with a leading North American surfactant producer. This long-term agreement ensures anionic surfactant supply that will utilize Cognis' back integrated natural fatty alcohol network, providing broader product technologies.

Cognis is the name under which the chemical activities of the Henkel Group were set up as a separate legal entity on August 1, 1999. On November 30, 2001, Cognis was acquired by the investors: the Permira Funds, GS Capital Partners, and the Schroder Ventures Life Sciences Funds. In 2001, Cognis recorded sales of 3.1 billion euros and an operating profit of 174 million euros.

Cognis is a worldwide leader in specialty chemicals with almost 9,100 employees in close to 50 countries on all continents. Customers are in the detergents and cleaners industry, the cosmetics industry, nutrition & health, and a number of other industrials markets such as coatings and inks, textiles, and plastics, as well as agrosolutions.

For more information about Cognis Corporation, visit the company's web site, www.na.cognis.com.

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Re: Cognis Corporation
1301 Jefferson Street
Hoboken, NJ 07030
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Ownership Transfer Notification

Dear Sir/Madam :

Please consider this letter formal notification of the transfer of ownership of the above-referenced facility from Cognis B.V., a Dutch parent company, to Cognis Drei GmbH, a German parent company, effective November 30, 2001. The owner and operator of the facility, a North American subsidiary, remains named Cognis Corporation, a Delaware corporation.

Notwithstanding this transfer, all operations at the facility are expected to remain the same.

Please inform me if further documentation or information is required. Or feel free to contact me at 513-482-3157 with any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

Sharon L. Post

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